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SUPPLEMENTAL HEARING NOTICE

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN – TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Monday, May 24, 2004 – 10:00 am
Central Valley Auditorium – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE WAS GIVEN, on April 9, 2004, that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) would hold a public hearing to seek input on potential revisions to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan).

It has come to our attention that there may be misunderstandings associated with the Triennial Review for the Ocean Plan. This supplemental notice is being sent to clarify the purpose of the Triennial Review public hearing to be held on May 24, 2004. The original notice can be accessed at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/docs/052404op_trirev_not.pdf.

TRIENNIAL REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the May 24, 2004 public hearing is to solicit comments from the public regarding any and all issues relevant to the Ocean Plan. For example, comments may involve: 1) the four proposed amendments currently being considered by SWRCB staff, which are indicated in the original notice; 2) the unresolved, outstanding issues from previous Triennial Reviews (see Enclosure); and/or 3) any other issue that the commentator may feel is important to consider for future amendments to the Ocean Plan.

An audio broadcast of this hearing will be available at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

The SWRCB will accept both written and oral comments on the issues, which should be addressed in future Ocean Plan amendments. The deadline for submitting written comments given in our original notice was May 12, 2004. **We are extending the comment period for submitting written comments to 5:00 p.m., May 17, 2004.** Written comments should be submitted to Frank Roddy either by mail to the Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, or by Fax (916) 341-5584, or by email roddf@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

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Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

April 26, 2004

Enclosure

**High Priority Issues from the 1999-2002 Triennial Review
Not Addressed in the 2001 California Ocean Plan:**

Applicability of the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) to Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredging Activity:

Should the Ocean Plan be amended to clarify that it is applicable to water quality certification activities and to the adoption of waste discharge requirements for dredging activities?

Applicability of the Ocean Plan to Regional Mass Emission Regulation:

Should the Ocean Plan be expanded to regulate water quality on a mass emission basis?

Applicability of Ocean Plan Regulatory Controls to Prevent the Introduction of Non-Indigenous Marine Organisms, Including Those from Discharge of Ship Ballast Water:

Should the Ocean Plan be amended to regulate the discharge of ship ballast water which may contain non-indigenous marine plants and organisms because of the potential threat to designated beneficial uses?

Revision of the List of Beneficial Uses in the Ocean Plan:

Should the list of beneficial uses in the Ocean Plan be changed to be consistent with the lists of beneficial uses in the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' (RWQCBs) Water Quality Control Plans?

Choice of Indicator Organism for Water-Contact Bacterial Standard and Increased Stringency of the Water-Contact Fecal Coliform Standard:

Should enterococcus be added to the total and fecal coliform water-contact bacterial standards currently in the Ocean Plan? Should the fecal coliform standard be made more stringent?

Review of the Water Quality Objectives for 2,3,7,8-TCDD and Related Compounds (Dioxins):

Should the water quality objective for Dioxin be reviewed to reflect new information received since the objective was adopted in 1990?

Biological Objectives:

Should the narrative biological objective now in the Ocean Plan be clarified with additional narrative and/or numerical language?

Water Quality Objectives to Address Specific Pollutants in Waste Discharges from Desalination Facilities:

Should water quality objectives be developed for inclusion in the Ocean Plan to address pollutants in desalination brine waste discharges?

Establish a Fecal Coliform Standard for Shellfish Harvesting Areas and for Shellfish Tissue:

Should the shellfish harvesting standards in the Ocean Plan be modified to include a fecal coliform value for harvesting waters and a standard for shellfish tissue?

Sediment Quality Objectives:

Should numeric sediment quality objectives be developed for marine waters?

Incorporation of Site-Specific Water Quality Objectives into the Ocean Plan:

Should the Ocean Plan incorporate procedures for establishing site-specific water quality objectives in addition to current statewide water quality objectives?

Regional Ambient Water Quality Monitoring and the Ocean Plan:

Should the Ocean Plan contain regional ambient water quality provisions?

Review of Standardized Monitoring and Reporting Requirements:

Should modifications be made to Appendix II of the Ocean Plan to provide additional guidance to the RWQCBs and discharger community regarding monitoring and reporting requirements?

Statistical Interpretation of Chronic Toxicity Data Testing:

Should the point estimate method be used instead of hypothesis testing for statistical analysis of chronic toxicity test data?

Implementation of Toxicity Reduction Evaluations (TREs):

Should chronic marine TRE methods be developed for toxicity test methods listed in the Ocean Plan?

Regulatory Control of Storm Water Discharge:

Should the Ocean Plan be amended to assist storm water dischargers and regulators in achieving the standards contained in the Plan?

Regulatory Control of Nonpoint Source Discharge:

Should the Ocean Plan include a specific implementation program for the control of nonpoint sources of pollution?

Review Monitoring Requirements for Bacterial Standards in Appendix II:

Should the Bacterial Standards section of Appendix II, Standard Monitoring Procedures, be clarified and the references updated?

On-going Review of the Ocean Plan's Critical Life Stage Tests:

Should there be an on-going review of the critical life stage test list in the Ocean Plan?